Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs and headers after paragraph [0005] of the specification:

[0005.1]

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following description with reference to the drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a diagram showing certain features of reducing agent tank and related components; and

Figure 2 is a diagram showing parts of an exhaust gas purification system.

[0005.2]

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

For simplicity and illustrative purposes, the principles of the present invention are described by referring mainly to various exemplary embodiments thereof. Although the preferred embodiments of the invention are particularly disclosed herein, one of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize that the same principles are equally applicable to, and can be implemented in other systems, and that any such variation would be within such modifications that do not part from the true spirit and scope of the present invention. Before

explaining the disclosed embodiments of the present invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of any particular arrangement shown, since the invention is capable of other embodiments. The terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation.

Please amend paragraph [0009] of the specification, as follows:

In a configuration of the invention as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the reducing agent tank 10 has a closure apparatus 12 which is to be opened for refilling purposes. The closure apparatus is preferably configured to protect against being opened other than during a maintenance operation which is to be carried out by authorized maintenance persons after the maintenance interval has elapsed. This avoids the reducing agent being refilled by untrained persons, and the associated risks are eliminated. It is preferable for the reducing agent tank to be provided with a special closure which can only be opened by trained and/or authorized maintenance persons. By way of example, an electronically coded closure which can only be unlocked and opened by authorized persons is advantageous. Therefore, the handling of the reducing agent remains the responsibility of these trained persons, and danger to the environment, objects and people is avoided. Because monitoring of the level is no longer the

responsibility of the vehicle owner, there is also no risk of the reducing agent not being refilled even when required, for example in order to save costs.

Please amend paragraph [0010] of the specification, as follows:

In another embodiment of the invention, level monitoring is provided, by components for level monitoring 14, for the purpose of monitoring the quantity of reducing agent that is present in the reducing agent tank, so that a warning signal is sent when the level drops below a residual filling quantity. This quantity is a factor of the remaining running time until the end of the maintenance interval and an assumed or calculated consumption rate. Accordingly, the driver of the motor vehicle is informed of a level which has dropped critically. This takes into account the reality that refilling may be necessary even before the end of a maintenance interval. Such maintenance intervals may be determined on the basis of other criteria. This is considered the equivalent of a maintenance interval expiring.

Please amend paragraph [0015] of the specification, as follows:

The text which follows describes advantageous embodiments of the invention by way of examples, including a motor vehicle with a diesel engine and an exhaust gas purification system 22 which comprises what is known as an SCR catalytic converter 24. These examples are provided solely for purposes of

illustration and are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, limiting.

Please amend paragraph [0019] of the specification, as follows:

A level monitoring device 18 is expediently provided for a urea tank which has been dimensioned in this way. This level monitoring device 18 can, on the one hand, record the occurrence of a predeterminable minimum filling level and cause a corresponding warning signal to be sent when this minimum filling level is reached. The warning signal preferably, at the same time, provides information about the residual running time or residual running distance which is likely to remain. On the other hand, the level monitoring device 18 can also ascertain the current level on an ongoing basis and form a relationship between the previous consumption and the engine operating parameters or engine nitrogen oxide emissions which were in each case present. In this way it is possible to estimate the residual running time which remains with a high degree of accuracy. If it is ascertained that refilling is likely to be due before the end of the maintenance interval which is generally specified in any case, this information is also indicated, and it is preferable to reset the expiry of the maintenance interval according to the residual running time. A standard display unit 16 can be provided for outputting this information.